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PATENT 5681-68500 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE re Application of: Group Art Unit: 2153 \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ Examiner: Unknown Akm N. Islam, et al. Atty. Dkt. No. 5681-68500 Serial No.: 10/676,635 I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope Filed: October 1, 2003 addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date indicated below: 9999999 For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR Robert C. Kowert HIGHLY AVAILABLE TIMER Registered Representative SERVICE IN A J2EE CLUSTER INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT Commissioner for Patents. P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: Applicant requests consideration of \( \sqrt{} \) the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or \( \sqrt{\text{the additional information identified below in paragraph 3.} \) Pursuant to CFR §1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of the cited U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed.  $\boxtimes$ A copy of each non-U.S. patent and/or non-U.S. patent application publication reference listed on the Form PTO-1449 is enclosed. The non-U.S. patent and/or non-U.S. patent application publication references listed on the Form PTO-1449 were previously cited in application serial no. to which the captioned application is seeking priority under 35 U.S.C. §120; therefore, a copy of each reference is not enclosed. 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted: within 3 months of the filing date of a national application other than a a. continued prosecution application under § 1.53(d); within 3 months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in §

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	b.		continued examination under § 1.114.  after the events of above paragraph 1a and prior to the mailing date of a final Office Action or Notice of Allowance, and thus:   the certification of paragraph 2 below is provided, or  a fee of \$180.00 is enclosed.				
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			U.S. Application No. 10/726,447 (5681-68600) U.S. Application No. 10/732,387 (5681-68700)				
4.	For each non-English language reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449:						
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8.		Applicant(s) requests that the Information Disclosure Statement and attached Form PTO-1449 and references, which are being filed before the grant of the patent and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i), be placed in the file of the captioned application.								
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